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Photo by
Tech. Sgt. Dave Morton

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Tough times, tough people

Col. Richard Moss

302nd Airlift Wing Commander

Deactivation is inevitable, but when?

There are all kinds of rumors in the halls. What's true? Well, nothing official has been announced.

There is a proposal to deactivate every-one possible, mission permitting, by the end of September; at this juncture however, we are not sure if this date applies to us based on our vital missions. There are a lot of commands involved in these decisions so they must be thought through carefully.

It's been tough, hasn't it? With half our wing members activated since the holidays for missions overseas and stateside firefighting and airlift support, our plate has been full. It's been demanding on every airman, every airman's family and the employers have felt the strain as well.

The activation has been a team effort – every aspect of this wing has been affected, whether activated or not. We found out we

were not in a sprint – but in a marathon ... and now, as the months wear on, the rumors of deactivation begin.

The sacrifices have been significant and I realize you've all missed special occasions and memorable events. I'm grateful you have chosen to serve with our wing because you are a valuable part of our nation's defense.

The best I can tell you is please be patient. As soon as something is firm, we will be sure to get the word out as quickly as possible.

Once there is a deactivation, then we will be looking at homecoming events. 'How To' plans for appropriate homecomings are in the infant stages at present. Group and squadron commanders are reviewing what will work best for our wing.

Changes in our lives continue as we edge our way to the one-year mark of September 11, 2001. What we were doing that day will be etched in our memory forever. What we have done *since* that day to support our

nation needs to be remembered as well.

You can take personal pride in knowing you were wearing the Air Force uniform. As Americans were searching for what they could do to support our country, you knew you were already in a vital role.

Thank you for what you have done to continue the strength we have in the armed forces. I appreciate everything you do to support our wing's mission.



Commentary

'I get new respect, new respect'

Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor

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Following the January UTA I was returning home to Calhan and stopped at the local convenience store to grab a sandwich from the sub shop. As I was headed in the front door a man scurried over and said, "Here sir, let me get that for you." He



proceeded to open the door for me.

Moments later, another person and I arrived at the sub shop counter simultaneously. As we stood there offering to let the other go first in line he commented, "No, please you first. You guys are doing one heck of a job for us."

It made me feel warm inside to see civilians showing a new-found respect for a person in a military uniform. However, I didn't give it much thought again until I broke down recently some 30 miles from home.

It was June 28 and I was returning to the base after delivering the July issue of the Front Range Flyer to the printer in Aurora. Heading down Highway 83, about 20 miles south of Franktown, my truck suddenly became very sluggish. Even with the gas pedal floored she would not exceed 35 miles per hour.

I grabbed the cell phone and called the office and left a message that I was going to head east for Calhan so I could get my truck

home before it died. Well, that was a pipe dream as I barely made it another 10 miles when the truck stalled and refused to start again. Dressed in BDUs I set out on foot, but barely got 50 feet when a gentleman in a pickup truck pulled over and offered to give me a lift as far as he was going. I accepted the ride, reached his destination and walked about another 30 feet when I got another ride. The woman took me right to my front door.

Had I not been dressed in a military uniform at the store and when my vehicle broke down I truly believe I would not have witnessed the kindness and courtesy I received from these people.

Even though the events of Sept. 11 were a tragedy to this country, we have seen a positive come out of it. There is a resurgence of pride among the American people and a renewed respect for the military - and the 302nd Airlift Wing has been carrying that pride and respect with it wherever its members may go.

Juggling family time during activation



Capt. Mark checks the route his C-130 Hercules aircraft will take on a flight to Skopje, Macedonia, as part of Operation Joint Forge. Before being called to active duty, he was a pilot for a commercial airline. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Raymond F. Padgett)

Master Sgt. Tom Allocco *439th Airlift Wing, Public Affairs*

Like any big important job, the Joint Forge mission entails sacrifices. As another team of men and women from the 302nd Airlift Wing deploy to Ramstein Air Base, Germany for a 60-day Joint Forge tour, July 13, the individual sacrifices continue as well. The peacekeeping mission may not be making headlines, but the efforts of the 302nd AW are helping stabilize an important corner of the world.

The operations, maintenance, supply and transportation specialists support U.S. peacekeeping troops and aeromedical members in the Balkans with airlift to Tuzla, Bosnia; Pristina, Yugoslavia, and other locations in southeastern Europe.

"I'm really conscious of the strain that deployments to Germany have on families," said Col. Richard Moss, 302nd AW commander. "The work there is extremely important in support of the people on the ground in Bosnia and elsewhere; the mission we're doing is vital to the interests of our country."

Before even getting on the plane for Germany, Senior Airman Joseph, 302nd Logistic Support Squadron supply specialist, felt a long way from home. Not only was he away from his wife and two children at home in El Paso, Texas, but the first day of deployment was his daughter's fifth birthday. Joseph joined the 302nd AW just a few months before being activated in December. Since then, he has been with his family one weekend a month, riding the UTA C-130 shuttle from El Paso.

Although it's a long way from home, he's grateful to Family Readiness for their support. Like others in the mobilization line, he

received a free telephone card.

"The morale calls home are important. The family is taken care of. They keep my wife notified, send letters of appreciation. They sent a letter saying if she needs anything she should call," he said.

Based on experience, Tech. Sgt. William, 302nd Maintenance Squadron crew chief, was expecting some long days during the deployment.

"It can be sometimes 18 hours before you get back to your room. But it's not bad. It gives you a chance to see some places you haven't seen before," Tech. Sgt. William said.

One of the best parts of the peacekeeping mission is the opportunity to work with Joint Forge allies.

"Everyone gets along very well. People swapped patches with the Italians and Romanians," William said.

Tech. Sgt. Mike, 302nd Logistic Support Squadron supply specialist,

will be able to stay in touch with his wife and children through e-mail and free morale calls, but that doesn't make up for missing family special days. For the father of six children, ranging in age from 1 to 18, the Joint Forge deployment will mean missing two birthday parties at home.

"It's tough on the family. I'm just glad I was able to be home for my daughter's high school graduation," he said.

Senior Airman Yvonda, 302nd MXS electrician, returning to Germany on her second Joint Forge mission, was grateful that this deployment is in the summer. She was at Ramstein AB for the December and January rotation when maintenance specialists endured snow and freezing temperatures during 12-hour shifts on the wind-whipped flightline.

Going to Germany meant saying goodbye to her husband. Family separations are never easy, but "he knew when he married me it could happen. It's not good, but it's OK," Yvonda said.

It wasn't easy for Tech. Sgt. John, 302nd MXS electrician, to tell his wife he was going away for another 60 days. He left behind a six-year-old son and three-month old baby girl. His wife was expecting with their daughter when he deployed on his first Joint Forge mission in January and February. She was born April 18.

"At least I was home for that," he said.

"Joint Forge isn't hard, because it's been going on for several years and they're well organized. The hardship is just being away from home," John said.

"Our people know it's a real-world mission. We're helping countries modernize. We're doing our job out there. We're doing the best we can with what we got. I think it's working out," he said.

Firefighting continues westward

By MSgt. Tom Allocco

439th Airlift Wing, Public Affairs

When Tech. Sgt. Kevin Driscoll, 302nd Airlift Wing, Peterson AFB, Col., loadmaster, goes to work in the morning, he doesn't know when to tell his wife he will be home again. That comes with the job of fighting fires as a C-130 crew member activated with the Modular Airborne Firefighting System.

Driscoll was among other crewmembers on standby at Peterson AFB July 7, when they were told about 3 p.m. to go home, pack, and let their families know not to expect them back for at least a week.

"When you get up in the morning you don't know when you will

get back home. It can be hard on the family," he said.

The two Peterson MAFFS configured aircraft and crews flew to Hill AFB, Utah at the request of the Forest Service. Numerous small fires, within a 200 mile radius of Salt Lake City alone, were spreading.

Looking over a map as he awaited a flight to Hill AFB, Maj. William McCrindle, a navigator for the 731st Airlift Squadron, pointed to numerous red circles indicating fires within Utah, Idaho and Colorado.

Like all MAFFS crew members, he believes the hardest part of firefighting is waiting for a launch order. "A good day is getting a call in the morning and flying all day. Sitting is not fun. A maximum crew

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**Quarterly
winner**

offers 'family support'

tor" for her ability to organize squadron functions and family-oriented events.

"Chief Master Sgt. Kirby Schueler, superintendent of Air Terminal services in the aerial port gave me the title, and it stuck with me through my career."

It's her compassion for family that landed her the new position in family support. "I felt I could make a difference for our wing military families, and could not do this job if it wasn't for the people before me," said Patton.

Master Sgt. Rich Romesburg, first sergeant for the 19th Space Operations Squadron at Schriever AFB, was her mentor prior to her becoming NCOIC of Family Support.

"He taught me how to put the quarterly *Infogram* together, an office newsletter distributed to more than 1,700 families, and to support the

military family first," said Patton. "Chief Master Sgt. Carolyn Rice, (superintendent of training and director of Family Support), is a wealth of knowledge. I can go to her with any questions I might have about rules and regulations. Her advice is invaluable."

Respect and admiration for others guides Patton's leadership principles.

"I feel I can earn people's respect by

being a quiet leader," said Patton. "Leading for me is doing the job together with my co-workers and peers, listening to their inputs and implementing their suggestions. If there is a problem, we can discuss it. To me it's a win-win situation for everyone involved. It's important to me for everyone to have a part in the final product."

"She lets me be myself and learn on the job," said Tech. Sgt. Jeff Hogg, the newest member of the Family Support office, who transferred from the wing's transportation section.

Patton is getting practice implementing her programs. She has been on active duty since the wing was activated Dec. 14. Since then, she contacted parents and significant others of deployed members through letters and phone calls. She provided information and referral to military spouses who requested resources for counseling, financial assistance and offered to meet family members who needed reassurance about their problems with current situations.

"I feel my experience with youth groups as a creative thinking coach helped prepare me for this opportunity," said Patton. "I teach them to think out of the box, and stimulate their creative juices. I also offer a junior reading class and teach Sunday school."

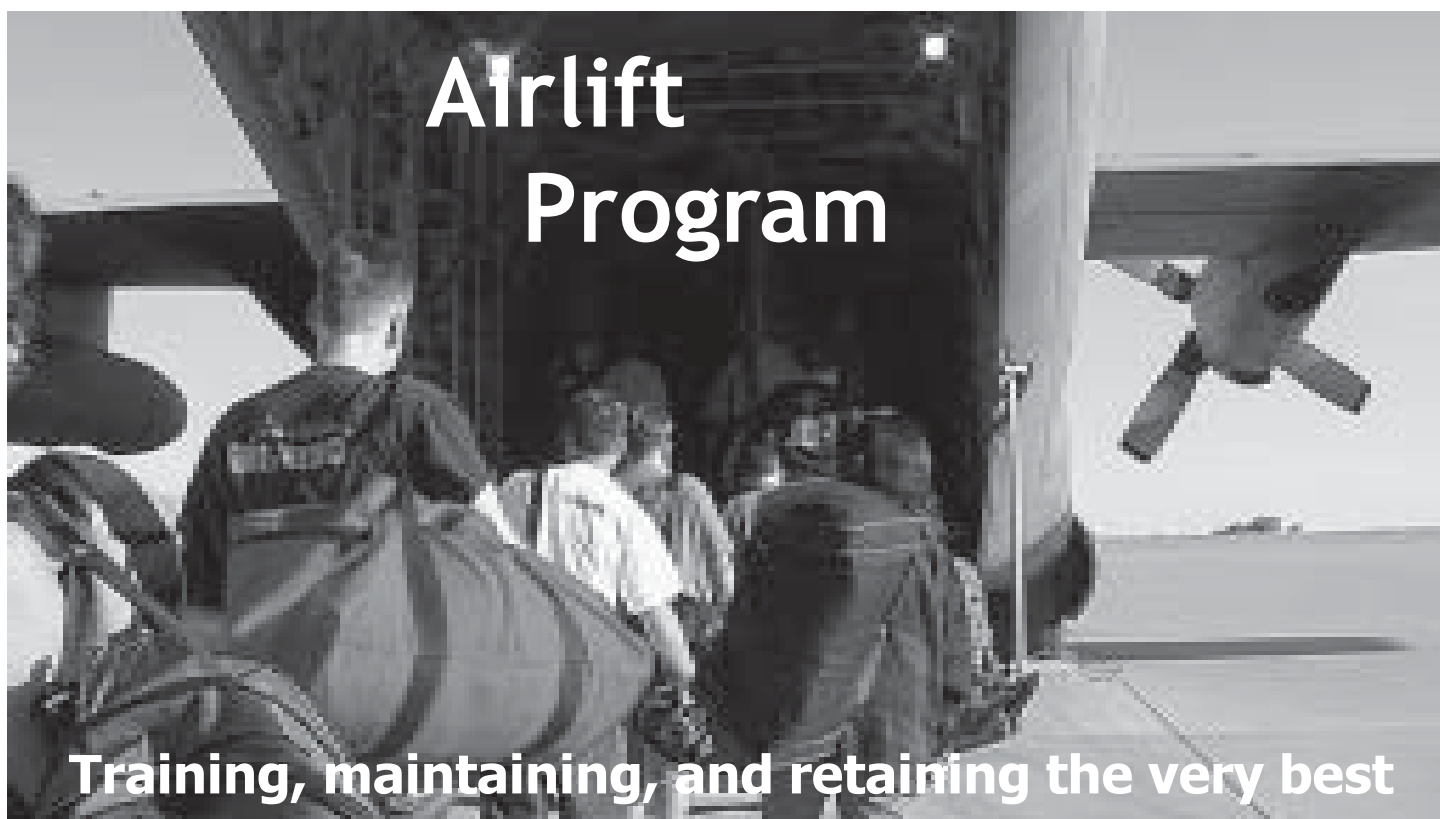
With so much community involvement, Patton still has time for her own family. She is married, has a 14-year-old daughter, and 11-year-old son.

She has 21 years of military service with the Air Force Reserve, and is an Outside Plant Design Engineer with Qwest in Littleton, Colo.

Tech. Sgt. Sherri Patton, member of 302nd Airlift Wing's family support office, and the 2002 NCO of the Quarter recipient, stuffs bags for the New Moms program.

Story & photo by Tech. Sgt. David Morton
Front Range Flyer

The Family Support office is on cruise control largely because of the new noncommissioned officer in charge and NCO of the Quarter for the second quarter of fiscal year 2002. Tech. Sgt. Sherri Patton is known from her previous military assignments in supply and aerial port as the "Cruise Direc-



Airlift Program

Training, maintaining, and retaining the very best

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Mitch Chandran
Front Range Flyer

The 302nd Airlift Wing knows what it takes to get out-of-state recruits onboard, keep current reservists in the unit, and at the same time provide additional training to the unit's C-130 Hercules aircrew members.

The wing's airlift program targets two cities where reservists and residents considering joining the Air Force Reserve would be hard pressed to commute to a local reserve unit.

Current and future 302nd reservists living in or near Albuquerque, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas, have the option to fly via the unit's aircraft when it stops in each city on Friday night prior to each unit training assembly and returns them home the following Sunday evening.

Upon the Friday night arrival at Peterson AFB, reservists are immediately met by other reservists from the Mission Support Squadron and given hotel accommodations for their weekend stay.

The program flows smoothly and effortlessly on the outside, but each month, a lot of work and attention to detail is generated from dedicated reservists from the operations and support groups, making the program effective.

It's not only customer focused, but also addresses a recognized need to have effective incentives in place to get more people to join the Air Force Reserve.

"The airlift program started through a need to recruit, retain, and provide transportation for reservists who live in other states," said Chief Master Sgt. Heriberto Domenech, services chief. "Airlift and billeting arrangements go hand-in-hand. Our process for billeting arrangements when our reservists arrive have greatly improved.

"When we first started this program, we had reservists staying at many hotels both on and off base creating a transportation nightmare. We fine-tuned our billeting process through trial and

error. By the time reservists arrive on station, we have most everyone's billeting tickets ready to go without asking them to wait in line at the billeting office to make reservations."

Senior Airman Josefina Tarango was prior active-duty in the Air Force and currently lives in El Paso. She recently became interested in joining the Air Force again as a reservist but does not live in close proximity to a reserve unit to commute to on a monthly basis.

"My recruiter told me about the 302nd and the fact that there is airlift available from El Paso to Peterson Air Force Base," Tarango said.

Tarango joined the unit this past March and reported for her first UTA in April.

"The flight to the unit was very quick without waiting around," said Tarango. "When we landed at Albuquerque to pick up more reservists, we just touched down, picked them up, and we were on our way to Colorado. The flight engineers and loadmasters were very courteous and the pilots controlled the aircraft very well."

"I've been taking the C-130 airlift from Albuquerque for about three years now," said Maj. Blane Underman, 302nd Support Group executive officer. "I've seen much improvement in the airlift process for reservists. One improvement that comes to mind is mission support squadron personnel waiting for you after arriving at the base and handing you your hotel reservation versus going to billeting and registering for a room."

Currently about ten percent of the wing's reservists participate in the airlift program.

If you live 50 miles away or more than one-hour drive time from Peterson AFB, you are authorized lodging at no personal expense. If you live in or near El Paso or Albuquerque and want to serve in the Air Force Reserve, then the 302nd may be the right solution for you.

For more info about the airlift or lodging program, contact Tech. Sgt. Andrea Fisher, 302nd AW services technician at 556-4001.

Set eyes on the final goal

Chaplain (Capt.) Brian Anderson
Wing Chapel

I am not much of a runner. Simply stated, I don't like running. So when it comes to exercise, I would rather swim or bicycle. My older brother, on the other hand, loves to run. When he tells his wife he is going out running, she expects him to be gone for a few hours. Just last year, at the age of 37, he ran in his first 26-mile marathon.

The endurance and stamina that one must have to accomplish this feat is astonishing. Behind a marathon runner is hours of conditioning, training, and practice. They have the willpower to set aside those temptations (soda, BBQ, chocolate, donuts) that so easily ensnare mere mortals like me. Instead, they fix their eyes on the goal toward which they race.

As I leave the 302nd for active duty, I want to leave you with this picture of the runner; for it is here that we should also see a picture of ourselves. Let me encourage you to run the race of life in such a way that you will finish. With all of the temptations that the world has

to throw in your path, become focused on your goal of finishing with integrity and honor. Throw off those things which cause you to stumble and fall.

Thank you for letting me serve as one of your chaplains over the past two and a half years.

"Let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:1-2).

God's richest blessings to you.

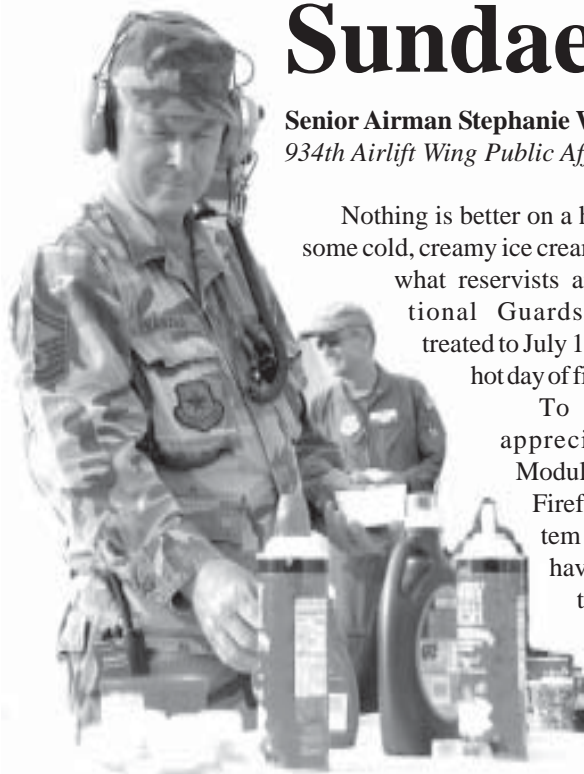


Sundaes with the chaplains

Senior Airman Stephanie Witty
934th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Nothing is better on a hot day than some cold, creamy ice cream and that is what reservists and Air National Guardsmen were treated to July 1, after a long hot day of fighting fires.

To show their appreciation for Modular Airborne Firefighting System crews who have been battling blazes since June 14, chaplains from the base chapel decided



to sponsor an ice cream social complete with sundaes and banana splits.

"I don't think that we can pay these hard working people enough for what they do," said Chaplain (Capt.) Steven Dabbs, protestant chaplain, Peterson AFB. "The ice cream social is a token of our appreciation for all of their hard work and dedication and risking their lives for our safety."

The event was coordinated by Chaplain (Capt.) Brian Anderson, 302nd Airlift Wing chaplain.

"I was contacted by the active duty chaplain, Father Munsell, who was saying they wanted to do something for our guys down here on the flightline fighting fires," Anderson said. "I got together with Father Munsell and we put together an evening that we could come out and do an ice cream social for the guys as a way of saying thanks for extinguishing our state."

Reservists from the 302nd and the North Carolina Air National Guard's 145th Airlift Wing have been fighting fires and flying MAFFS missions in Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota, flying 222 sorties and dropping more than 575,000 gallons of slurry.

"We just wanted to say thank you and we appreciate what they are doing and maybe boost their morale a little bit," said Chaplain (Maj.) Bob Leivers, Headquarters Air Force Space Command. "In the evening everybody goes home and these folks are still working."

Crews flying the MAFFS missions were thankful for the ice cream social.

"I think it's great, everybody appreciates anything like this," said Lt. Col. Luke Coker, air expeditionary squadron commander. "We spend long days down here; anything above and beyond is always great; it makes you feel appreciated."

"It's absolutely wonderful and greatly appreciated," said Senior Master Sgt. Pete LaBarre, 302nd AW loadmaster. "It's about 95 degrees and dry; it's nice to see other people appreciate what everybody is doing."

The active duty serving the ice cream also got a chance to see what the MAFFS missions are all about.

"I was really glad to see them there to see what it is we do, we are more than the concept of one weekend a month," Anderson said. "I think it's good for them to see we have got some good, professional Air Force folks."

Personable personnel professional wins

**Story and photo by
Tech. Sgt. Mitch Chandran
Front Range Flyer**

Senior Airman Inka Roberts, 302nd Mission Support Squadron personnel technician, is the Airman of the Quarter, 2002. According to Maj. Charlton English, 302nd MSS commander, Roberts is a pillar of competence and exhibits high standards far exceeding her junior rank.

Prior to joining the 302nd Airlift Wing, she was active-duty from 1997 to 2000. After leaving active-duty, she said she missed the camaraderie she experienced in the active Air Force and decided to check into the reserve component. Roberts contacted a local recruiter and realized joining the unit was for her.

She is currently an air reserve technician and serving as assistant chief of personnel employment in the unit's Mission Support Squadron.

"I really enjoy working with everyone in this unit," Roberts said. "I like the idea that everyday brings something different and challenging."

Some of the accomplishments Roberts is cited for by her chain of command are her quick assessment of situations and problem-solving skills. Her dedication extends to working overtime and



weekends to get the job done right. She has upgraded and centralized many of her office's work processes to effectively use time.

Other areas of her responsibility include managing the wing's Servicemen's Group Life Insurance, the newly created Family Group Life Insurance programs, Emergency Data Cards, the Family Care Plan programs, Casualty Reporting program, and recognition board and personnel records.

She also analyzed and identified other weaknesses in work processes within her office and worked to remedy the problems.

"One of the aspects of this job that I appreciate is being able to help make things run more efficiently," she said.

Roberts is also recognized for her verbal communication skills. Her speaking skills enabled her to become an effective manager of the INTRO program – Newcomer's Briefing.

"She is ambitious and bright," English said. "She seeks opportunities to broaden her career expertise in every way. She has volunteered her time and energy to support other time-constrained offices, such as Personnel Readiness and Personnel Employment."

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day is eight hours of flying within a 12 hour timeframe," McCrindle said.

The pay-off to the crews is the satisfaction of doing real missions that make a difference.

"This is not training. You are actually out there helping people without leaving the country. You can actually see the results of your work when you build a fire line," he said.

Following their arrival, the fire fighting crews flew four missions the first day and two the following day.

The purpose of the call to Hill AFB was to keep the Utah fires small and avoid the conflagration of the Hayman Fire that

charred more than 136,000 acres across central Colorado since erupting June 8.

"The Colorado fire gave our crewmembers the satisfaction of directly helping the people of our home state. That was great, to be doing something close to home," said Maj. Christopher Long, 731st AS pilot.

Flying out of Hill AFB, there is a different kind of job satisfaction. Because the fires are smaller crews can see a direct and immediate effect on the fires of a successful mission, Long said.

The MAFFS crews expect to stay busy throughout the firefighting season. If the season follows the pattern of past years, the crews will follow new fires northwest.

For crew members like Master Sgt. Michael Benton, loadmaster of the 302nd AW, that will mean more holidays away from his wife and seven-year-old daughter. Since the Hayman Fire focused national attention

on MAFFS missions, Benton has been seen by family and friends on CNN, the Weather Channel, Discovery and other media outlets, but that doesn't compensate for being away from his family.

Benton has been flying MAFFS missions for a decade but this first post September 11 firefighting season has been harder than others. With crews deployed overseas, those remaining at Peterson are carrying a heavier burden.

Like other crew members, Benton had just come home from a 90-day Joint Forge tour supporting operations in the Balkans when he started flying MAFFS missions on June 14. Since then the crews have been on duty eight or nine days at a stretch.

"Even when you're flying out of Peterson, it's 12-hour shifts and you don't see your family. It's nice to have a day or two off," Long said.



Free college testing for spouses

Reserve spouses have the opportunity to take DANTES Subject Standardized Tests or College Level Examinations free of charge. Because this program is unique to reserve components, spouses may not test at active duty facilities. Only spouses of reserve members are eligible to participate in this program.

Spouses must have a DD Form 1173 and a dependent I.D. card prior to testing. For more information please contact Master Sgt. W. Clayton Miller at 556-7250.

New website up and running

The Air Force Reserve Command Human Resources Development Council Web page is up and running. The website, <http://www.mil.afrc.af.mil/special/hrdc>, is available from military computers.

The new web site is much easier to read and use and contains things such as information on current programs and initiatives.

Deserving airman board meets

On Aug. 10, 2 p.m., the 310th Space Group will be hosting a Deserving Airman Commissioning Board at Schriever AFB in the 6th Space Operations Squadron conference room for an intelligence officer within the 14th Test Squadron. Requirements for this position are:

- ✓ Meet all eligibility criteria as defined in AFI 36-2005.
- ✓ Ability to obtain a top-secret security clearance.

✓ Ability to complete the Intelligence Officer Course, a nine-month course held at Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, Texas.

All packages must be submitted to the 302nd Mission Support Squadron, Career Enhancement Element by close of business Aug. 5. Packages must follow the criteria listed in the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program Guidebook which can be found in the information rack outside the Career Enhancement office. All applicants to be interviewed must be in service dress.

If you have any questions contact the 302nd Military Personnel Flight, Career Element at 566-7555.

Money matters

Your time-in-service, for pay purposes, continues to increase after you retire. For example, a Master Sgt. who retires at age 45 with 22 years service, will be "over 26" for pay purposes when he collects his retirement check at age 60.

You can compute an estimate of your retirement pay at www.arpc.org <<http://www.arpc.org>>. You will need to know how many points you have to use the retirement calculator.

You can contact the 302nd Airlift

Wing Career Advisor, Master Sgt. Timothy Wilson at 556-7702, for more information.

CE earns bragging rights

The 302nd Civil Engineer PRIME BEEF team received a 'Green' certification for their Ability To Survive and Operate Readiness Assistance Team while participating in an Air Mobility Command Exercise Operational Readiness Inspection. The exercise was held in Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, July 10, 2002 with forty-seven civil engineers completing the task in four hours.

Rainy conditions didn't deter them from identifying unexploded ordnance, chemical detection, and responding to casualties with self aid and buddy care.

Mission-Oriented Protective Posture, level two for four hours and one and a half hours in MOPP level four tested CE troops in ATSO operations. The Headquarters Air Mobility Command Inspector General from Scott AFB, IL identified the RECON teams and control center as best seen to date.

Kudos and a job well done to the all the 302nd Airlift Wing Civil Engineers!

Enlisted council gains momentum

Staff Sgt. Stefano Collins
Front Range Flyer

Addressing concerns of junior enlisted members is the focus of the newly-established Wing Junior Enlisted Advisory Council, its president told attendees at the council's inaugural meeting July 13.

"The main purpose of the Junior Enlisted Advisory Council is to raise and address the concerns of the junior enlisted within the wing, not just another venting outlet," Senior Airman Mandy Gard, 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron, said at the luncheon meeting held at the Officers Club. "The main goal of the council is to help solve problems, improve morale, and help improve retention."

Issues brought to the council will be addressed and presented to the wing commander and command master chief. Initially, the council will solicit active partici-

pation from junior enlisted members within the wing and will also seek feedback.

"We not only want to be a collective voice for everyone, from maintenance to the hospital to the orderly room to the newcomer, but we also really want to provide an avenue in which we can network with one another," Gard said.

To join, junior enlisted members need only to contact one of the council representatives and express an interest to participate.

During the meeting, the newly-appointed officers of the council were introduced. They are: Gard, president; Staff Sgt. Inka Roberts, 302nd Military Personnel Flight, vice president; Staff Sgt. Lissy Slezak, 302nd MPF, secretary; and Airman First Class Gary Souza, 302nd Maintenance Squadron, treasurer.

Roberts informed the luncheon

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Unit Training Assembly Schedule*

August 10-11

Time	Activity	Location	OPR/Ext.
Saturday			
0530 - 1000	Breakfast is served	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4001
0600 - 0730	"Jump Start" Fellowship	Sandy's Restaurant	HC/6-4006
0900 - 1000	Monthly UTM Training	Bldg. 895 Room 204	DPMT/6-7249
1000 - 1100	First Sergeants Meeting	Large Conference Room	CCC/6-8132
1100 - 1300	AD Issuing Line Badges***	21st SFS Visitor's Center	21SFS/6-6660
1100 - 1730	Let's Do Lunch!	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4001
1100 - 1230	"Lunch & A Lift"	Aragon Colorado Room	HC/6-4006
1100 - 1600	Family Day	Bldg. 210 Bay One	FS/6-6505
1200 - 1600	CWD Training Refresher	Bldg. 1324	CEX/6-7221
1245 - 1600	CDC/PME Test **	Bldg. 895 Room 204	DPMT/6-7250
1300 - 1600	Chaplains Available	Bldg. 893 Room 143	HC/6-4006
1530 - 1600	Suicide Prevention	Bldg. 893 Conference Room	SG/6-1132
1600 - 1630	Anthrax Briefing	Bldg. 893 Conference Room	SG/6-1132
1600 - 1700	Catholic Confession	Bldg. 1410 PAFB Chapel	HC/6-4006
1700 - 1800	Catholic Mass	Bldg. 1410 PAFB Chapel	HC/6-4006
2000 - 2300	Late Night Snack/Carry Out	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4001
Sunday			
0530 - 1000	Breakfast is served	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4001
0800 - 1200	1st Duty Station	731st Conference Room	MEO/6-8180
0815 - 0915	Protestant Liturgy	Bldg. 1410 PAFB Chapel	HC/6-4006
0830 - 0930	Chief's Meeting	Aragon Dining Facility	CCC/6-8132
0830 - 0930	Catholic CCD	Bldg. 1410 PAFB Chapel	HC/6-4006
0830 - 0930	MPF (3S0) In-House Training	Bldg. 895 Room 204	DPM/6-7227
0930 - 1030	Catholic Mass	Bldg. 1410 PAFB Chapel	HC/6-4006
1100 - 1200	Protestant Service	Bldg. 1410 PAFB Chapel	HC/6-4006
1100 - 1730	Let's Do Lunch!	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4001
1230 - 1330	Protestant Gospel Service	Bldg. 1410 PAFB Chapel	HC/6-4006
1200 - 1300	Protestant Worship	Bldg. 893, Room 125	HC/6-4006
1245 - 1600	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg. 895 Room 204	DPMT/6-7250
1400 - 1500	Med. Liaison & Ancillary Mtg.	302nd AW Conference Room	WTPC/6-7249
2000 - 2300	Late Night Snack/Carry Out	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4001

* Schedule is subject to last minute changes. ** Military ID cards are MANDATORY for ALL testing. For CDC end-of-course exams, a testing authorization letter is also MANDATORY. Testing authorization letters will be obtained from the respective Unit Training Manager/Monitor.

***Disregard hours posted on the door (do not take UTAs into consideration). Doors will be unlocked.

Informed uniforms

Properly wearing the Air Force uniform is essential as a professional. Here are some tips on what is allowed and what is optional uniform wear.

Undershirts, whether they're v-neck, u-neck, or athletic style, must be worn with all service and dress uniforms as well as undershorts. White crew-neck style undershirts are authorized only with closed collar service and dress uniforms.

Your choice is optional to wear black, crew-neck undershirts, long sleeve black or

brown turtleneck, dickeys, or thermal undershirts without pockets in an Air Force Reserve Command active duty unit, AFRC-gained unit, or for Headquarters AFRC personnel.

Battle Dress Uniforms can be worn when traveling on an Air Mobility Command aircraft during intra-theater deployments and within the command direct. However, you cannot wear BDUs in establishments which operate primarily to serve alcohol or to eat lunch in restaurants where people wear business attire.

BDUs are acceptable when eating lunch out at a local establishment where people wear comparable civilian attire; and when making short convenience stops including shopping malls. Also, BDUS can be worn when deployed to perform emergency or periodic maintenance but do not navigate commercial airports in BDUs.

Look for more uniform tips in following Front Range Flyers or call Tech. Sgt. Anthony Garcia, 302nd Mission Support Squadron customer service, at 566-8185.

Welcome Wing Newcomers

302nd Airlift Wing

Maj. David Levy
2nd Lt. Janice Holland-Cross
Tech. Sgt. David Addis

302nd Logistics Group

Airman First Class Sun Engleby

302nd Operations Group

Senior Airman Blaine Compoc

39th Aerial Port Squadron

Staff Sgt. Ricky Dearman
Staff Sgt. Christopher Favazzo

302nd Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Gira Ravelo

310th Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Adrian Saldana
Staff Sgt. Clark Tynan
Senior Airman Billy Blair

310th Space Group

Capt. Jones Grailing
Capt. Kimberly Oberly
Senior Airman Mark Portillos

731st Airlift Squadron

Staff Sgt. Michael Wyatt

302nd Mission Support Squadron

Airman Basic Bernadine Martinez

39th Airlift Control Flight

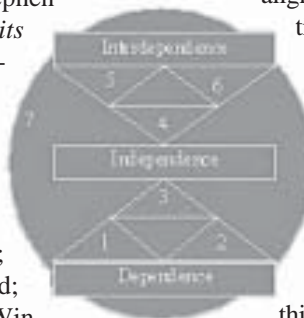
Staff Sgt. Francisco Pereyra

302nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Tech. Sgt. James Hines

Seven habits become very effective

The 302nd Airlift Wing is offering for its members the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People workshop. Stephen Covey's book, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, offers remarkable insights into how to lead and manage one's life so as to become highly effective in both professional and personal spheres. The habits taught are: Be Proactive; Begin With The End In Mind; Put First Things First; Think Win-Win; Seek First To Understand Then To Be Understood; Synergize; and Sharpen The Saw.



Participants will learn the ability to execute, pre-plan, and prioritize activities aligned with personal and organizational roles and responsibilities.

This workshop is designed to teach participants the concepts, principles, and practices necessary to accomplish the important tasks in light of increasing workload and decreasing resources.

If you are interested in this worthwhile three-day course, please contact Master Sgt. Rick Molina or Senior Airman Heather Valenzuela, program coordinators, at 556-7309/1138.

Shoulder to shoulder with the best

Airman Basic Bernadine Martinez, a recent distinguished graduate of the Services Training Flight Course. She achieved a 92 percent in the course and graduated in the top ten percent.

Senior Master Sgt. Lynn Vorce, *Senior Master Sgt. John Coutee*, and *Staff Sgt. Mike Mabbitt* of the 302nd Civil Engineer Readiness Flight have been chosen as the Air Force Reserve Command Tenent Civil Engineer Readiness Flight of

the Year for 2001. The flight is the recognized experts within the 22nd Air Force for Ability to Survive and Operate operations.

1st Lt. Dave Lehrman, 302nd Security Forces Squadron Operations Officer, was selected as the Outstanding Security Forces Reserve Component Company Grade Officer of the Year for 2001 for Air Force Space Command. He now moves on to compete at the Air Force level.

Congratulations-Wing Promotees

Senior Master Sergeant

Michael Williams

Master Sergeant

Brian Galles
Robert James
Charles Keller
Benedict Ortiz
Alexander Piper
F.R. Schnell

Technical Sergeant

Rolene Amsler
Richard Fickas
Christopher Gardner
Melvin Joe

Patrick Murphy

Charles Myers
Leonard Myers
Gerald OBrien
Gerri Reise
Jose Rivers
Nancy Shields
Brina Steele
Charles Walker
Sarah Wright

Staff Sergeant

Robert Dillion
Aaron Hagel
Douglas James
Darren Lane

John Petree

Deanna Scott
Matthew Smith
William Sparks
Leslie Tucker
Travis Waeckerlin
Wade Wittrock

Senior Airman

Sabine Dunning
Justin Tolbert
Paul Wiggins

Airman First Class

Jody Sanchez
Bernadine Martinez

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audience of the council's first key project - the creation of a "Target Team for Newcomers."

"All of the numerous activations provided the opportunity to not only put our training to use in doing our jobs, but also provided the opportunity to meet and interact with people within the unit that we previously have not met," she said.

From this, the council is working on the development of a Sponsorship Program, which is actually in response to a concern raised by a newcomer to the unit. The Target Team will consist of different members throughout the wing--a 'team' concept.

"All input, both positive and negative, would be helpful," Roberts said.

Col. Richard Moss, 302nd AW commander, attended and told the audience he receives "lots of 'no comments' from the junior enlisted members in the wing climate assessments and feels he is not hearing their concerns. Moss encouraged attendees to put the word out about the council and to provide ideas on how to make the wing better and to use this as a forum to present ideas.

When asked about membership, Staff Sgt. Kristen Lattimer, the force behind the council's creation, said, "by virtue of rank, all junior enlisted members of this wing are already members. We are not looking for gripes or moans. This is a forum for specific wing-related issues which impact the wing."

The council would like to provide an opportunity for folks to get together and have social activities and is planning on having a booth at Family Day during the this UTA.



(left to right) Staff Sgt. Lissy Slezak, Senior Airman Mandy Gard, Senior Airman Inka Roberts, and (not pictured) Airman First Class Gary Souza, serve as the 302nd Airlift Wing Junior Enlisted Advisory council representatives. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

Family invited this weekend

Family Day extends a thank you

Spend a day with family and friends Aug. 10. The 302nd Airlift Wing is sponsoring Family Day for all wing members and their families from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year all festivities will be held in Bldg. 210. Come and enjoy free food, drinks, games and fellowship.

Schedule of events include games for the kids with face painting, petting zoo, treasure hunt sand pit, bubbles, and fun

booths, then games for the big kids like tug-a-war, dunk tank, the not-so-newlywed game, cake walk, door prizes, give-a-ways and much more.

Displays will include a Fire Dept. display, K-9 demonstration put on by Security Forces, classic cars and C-130 static display. The Peterson Air Force Base Band of the Rockies will also perform. For more information, call 556-6505.

FY 2003 UTA Schedule

<u>2002</u>	Mar. 8-9
Oct. 5-6	Apr. 5-6
Nov. 2-3	May 3-4
Dec. 7-8	Jun. 7-8
<u>2003</u>	Jul. 12-13
Jan. 11-12	Aug. 9-10
Feb. 8-9	Sept. 13-14

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